

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

As Gleaned by the Frontier Reporter on his Daily Rounds About the Town

EVERYTHING THAT OCCURED

Is Recorded Here, If Not It Escaped the Anxious and Tireless Search of Our Reporter

Mrs. Roberts was a passenger on the Great Northern Monday.

For rent—The B. A. Deyarmon property. Dickson & Co.

E. G. Buchbill a ranchman in Loup county was in O'Neill this week.

Miss Tennie Gatzke, was visiting friends at Tilden, Neb., last week.

There will be a Highlanders ball at the opera house Monday evening, Feb. 2d.

As usual O'Neill is a good market place for all kinds of articles produced on the farm.

Several of our local townsmen went to Lincoln this week to see what the Legislature is doing.

A consignment of garden seeds were received recently at the local land office and can be had for the asking.

Last Monday night was installation evening with the Highlanders. After installing officers supper was served and an enjoyable time was had.

George Whiteny went down to Tilden Sunday to spend Sunday visiting his parents and best—but, well, we promised not to give him away and we won't.

Buggies, buggies, buggies—A car load of the nicest and best that ever came to O'Neill; if you want a snap now is your chance to call and get your pick.—Neil Brennan 45-tf

Chairman Frank Phillips and Supervisor Moler went down to Omaha Sunday to attend an adjourned meeting of the Nebraska County Commissioners Association which was held in that city the first of the week as delegates from this county.

The Modern Woodmen will give their annual ball at the rink at O'Neill, Neb., January 23, 1903. All Woodmen are invited to attend. Good music and a good time is expected. By Committee.

The Degree of Honor entertainment and supper given in honor of Mrs. Meals was well attended. Several members of the Woodman lodge made short speeches and an enjoyable evening was passed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Meals left Monday for Alaska.

The following is the jury list for the month, 1903, term of district court. John B. Fisher, G. W. French, J. D. Jones, Fred Cronk, Patrick Barrett, S. M. Wagers, Richard Moon, W. C. Aley, Jerry Kelly, John Mann, Thos. Tierney, John Davidson, Chas. L. Davis, L. C. Skidmore, John Harman, Michael Holland, Thos. Richards, Wm Bekoff, Peter Clausen, Fred C. Watson, A. R. Wertz, Hay McClure, Wilson Brodie, G. A. Mattice.

Ainsworth Home Rule: An Indian owed a Blair merchant, and the other day he came to pay, and wanted a receipt. In vain the merchant told him a receipt was unnecessary "Me must have to show me owe white man nothing," said the Indian. "Me go to heaven, the lord ask Indian he pay debts. Injun say yes Lord ask him where is receipt. What can Injun do?" Can't go all over hell to look for you?" He got the receipt

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Meals and family left Monday morning for Valdez, Alaska, where they expect to make their future home, or at least for a few years until Jack digs enough nuggets from his claim on the Copper River, about 200 miles inland from the above city, to enable them to live in comfort in some beautiful city like O'Neill the balance of their days. The family have resided in O'Neill a good many years and the well wishes of a host of friends accompany them to their far northern home. The Frontier will visit them each week and keep them posted upon the current affairs of this vicinity.

Judging from the following, taken from the Omaha Quill, William Laviolette is rapidly forging to the front in Omaha musical circles: Prof. Laviolette entertained a number of friends at the club rooms Tuesday evening. He played several selections from famous operas and played and sang several melodies. He showed himself a master of the instrument. Several declamations were delivered. An enjoyable feature of the evening was the singing by Louis Grevin of the French national song, "The Marseillais." Refreshments were served at midnight, after which the company separated. As an entertainer the professor is a peach.

Frank Phillips sent over to the county treasurer of Knox county the other day to pay some 1902 taxes on a tract of land over there, and the receipt came back numbered 216, dated January 16 on the same day here in Holt, Treasurer Cronin was numbering his receipts over 700, or more than three times as many. Frank says and he knows, "that this is one of the many reasons why their is no place on earth quite as good as Holt county." Knox, of course, is a great, big prosperous county filled with fine people and in fact is almost as good as Holt. But stand up for Holt county.

Our friend northwest of here in the cellar, is evidently not pleased with the way Chairman Phillips conducts the business of his office. Eves thinks if he was chairman of the county board he would do things different from the way Chairman Phillips does. Perhaps he would, but the fact is Francis Phillips is filling the office now and our friend over northwest will have to wait until he is elected county commissioner before he can have the business conducted just to suit him. Chairman Phillips is simply following out the former custom and his official actions meet with the approval of the voters.

Early Sunday morning a horse attached to a buggy which contained two ladies fell on the ice in front of the Hotel Evans and could not get up. In its efforts to gain its feet the horse threatened to smash the buggy and this alarmed the fair occupants so that they screamed for help. Almost before the cries of distress were emitted the fallen horse was surrounded by enough men to carry off the horse, buggy and occupants bodily. There was the butcher, the hotel keeper, the tailor, the chairman of the county board and numerous other persons of the masculine gender each and every one anxious to assist beauty in distress. This innate spirit of chivalry; this spirit of readiness to assist any one, more particularly a woman in distress is distinctly a trait of the men of this nation and one of the things that make us great.

An Expert Opinion. A bachelor maid, in other words an old maid, a spinster, a husbandless woman, has handed us the following as the proper definition for an old bachelor. While we never had experience as an old bachelor or as an old maid, after looking over the article we are inclined to believe that it is so good that it ought to be published: "What is a bachelor? He is a social misfit, a square peg for the hole of existence. He is a son of Ishmael, his hand against every man and every man's hand against him. He is an animated 'it' and hunted of men. He riseth up in the morning and his day is a day of fear. He steereth his vacillating course always between the Scylla of inebriety and the Charybdis of matrimony. He is a ping pong ball batted forever from the summer girl to the bar tender and back again if he stays sober he gets married; if he stays single he gets drunk. He waxeth not great for all his energies are spent in resisting temptation. He attempteth to walk the straight and narrow path and behold, the mint julep bloometh in loveliness by the wayside. From green bowers, sirens in pink and blue and white entice him, luring him to the commission of foolishness by permitting him to talk of himself, and he being an egotistical ass, beholdeth not the trap, but maketh much talk. By foolish speeches he compromiseth himself, and beneath the witching light of the moon maketh vows that in the garish light of day, fill him with fierce regret. He fleeth from a Dull, Time, and behold his feet are entangled in the meshes of schemers. He talketh man talk with a married friend over a cold battle and indorseth a note for \$100, which he subsequently payeth. He speaketh soft words to a maiden of many summers and papa asketh his intentions. Behold, such is the bachelor, and no hope is there for him. He seeth no peace until he becometh either a sot or a Benedict. And his name is Woe."

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Aaron Burr's Alleged Pun. Aaron Burr was fleeing immediately after the duel. "But where will you be next?" asked his second. "I can't tell," returned the statesman, "whether I'll be Aaron Burr, or Burr in air." Stopping to kick a suggestive piece of rope out of his pathway, he hastily resumed his flight.

Mr. Gilmour's Reply. O'NEILL, NEB., Jan. 19th, 1903. EDITOR FRONTIER.

DEAR SIR: As I have been accused by the Holt County Independent of forgery and stealing money from the county I ask space in your paper for a statement.

About June 3, 1902, John Rhodes of Bowdin, S. D., wrote the office asking for information relative to the set of 17-32-13, which information was furnished, then followed a long correspondence concerning the title to the above land and soliciting my assistance in clearing the title and procuring an abstract for which he agreed to pay me \$10.00. The treasurer sent him a statement of the taxes due, both by letter and by telegram, which Mr. Rhodes returned to me along with a draft to pay the taxes including enough to cover recording fees, costs in district clerk's office and abstract of title and \$10.00 for my work and at the same time forbid me paying the taxes and costs until the title to the land was cleaned up. It took some time to get all the instruments necessary as I had to get an assignment from a defunct loan company in Boston, Mass., and after I procured all the necessary instruments I paid the following amounts.

- Recording fees which will be found on my fee book under date of August 16, 1902.....\$ 4.30
A. J. Hammon for abstract..... 4.50
Paid to Mr. Freese of Boston for executing an assignment of mortgage..... 1.00
Paid John Skirving court costs 17.43
Paid county treasurer for taxes 103.95
Retained for foreign receipts.. 7.00
And the amount he agreed to pay me for my work..... 10.00

I have answered at least twenty letters of inquiry from Mr. Rhodes besides a large number of letters written in the matter of clearing the title to this land. I am certain had this work been done by an attorney he would have charged \$50.00, and now I want to say that I had no thought of doing wrong in the matter of charging for the payment of taxes as I have only been following a custom practiced by my predecessors in office, one of which advertised on his letter heads the fact that he paid taxes for non-residents. I have never solicited the business and have only paid taxes in a few cases when requested to do so by non-residents.

I wrote across the face of the tax receipt in my own hand writing the words "Foreign receipt \$1.00" without any attempt to disguise my hand writing, nor did I change any of the figures placed on the receipt by the county treasurer. I did it that the party for whom the tax was paid could see just how much I charged him for paying the taxes. Now with this statement of facts I am willing to leave the matter to an unbiased public whether I am guilty of forgery and theft.

E. S. GILMOUR, County Clerk.

From Ewing Advocate. Reuben Butler, son of ex-county attorney Butler, of O'Neill, was hauling hay from his father's place north of town for shipment to Omaha.

J. Newton Trommorshausser of O'Neill passed through Ewing this morning, enroute to Lincoln. Whether his visit to the State capitol is of a business or social nature we are unable to say.

Representative Ezra Waring came up from Lincoln, Saturday and spent several hours chatting with the gang at this place. Ezra although of the minority end of the House has been appointed on several important committees.

Fred Mertz, who for some time was employed in the Ewing Roller mills, but who of late has been at home up in the north part of the county, is in town today and will remain at least over Sunday. It is unnecessary to go into detail as to the attraction this place has for Mr. Mertz.

Miss Lelia Porter O'Neill was an Ewing visitor Sunday the guest of the Swain sisters. Her visit here was of farewell nature as she with her parents moved to Albion this week, where they will engage in the livery business having disposed of their hotel at O'Neill to R. H. Wells who by the way is a strickly up-to-date hotel man.

J. L. Fisher, the obliging cashier of the Ewing State Bank, went down to Wahoo the middle of the week on a visit but with whom we are unable to state. At the rate the painters and paper hangers are going at the rooms above Horton's store building one might predict the cause of his trip to Wahoo, more than simply a visit. However, his return is expected Sunday evening, hence the suspense to interested parties at this place will not be of long duration.

News From the Legislature. (Special Correspondence.) LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 19.

The first two weeks of the legislative session, as usual, has been devoted to preliminary work. The organization, the formation of committees, and the printing of the early bills, as usual has held the attention of both houses. In the work so far done there is little to indicate the strength or energy of the individual members.

One feature of the organization which has attracted favorable attention is the movement to cut off sinecure places, and hold down the number of employes to a reasonable limit. The senate led in this movement, but there is indication that the member of places in the house will be lower than ever before. In the senate eight years ago there were 125 employes. There has been a gradual decrease, until this senate is getting along well with only 59. It is probable that the house will keep almost within the same limit.

A test of the earnestness of the house was seen when the Sears resolution was adopted by a large majority. It provided that no bills should come up for a third reading calling for appropriations for public buildings until after an adequate revenue bill should be formulated to raise sufficient money to get the state out of debt. This resolution was amended so as to permit appropriations for rebuilding or repairing buildings, which would seem to open the way for the completion of the penitentiary and the rebuilding of the Norfolk hospital. It is conceded that these two institutions have the better chance for appropriations in both ends of the legislature, without taking the Sears resolution into consideration. Many doubt the expediency of adding the other institutions this session, except in cases of great emergency.

In the house there came up a proposition to form a special committee to take in hand the matter of a complete revenue bill. While some doubted the expediency of such a committee, it was acknowledged by all that some move be made other than to patch up the old revenue law in a hap-hazard manner. In the senate a move was made to order the revenue committee to report a new measure before February 15th, giving it the right of the senate freely expressed the opinion that a joint committee of both houses for the purpose of formulating revenue committee to prepare a bill for presentation to the next legislature, or to be acted upon in special session.

Not the least interesting among the propositions already up is the proposal to amend the Omaha charter so as to permit that city to assess railroad property locally, instead of distributing the money among the counties along the lines. Those who favor the measure argue that the valuable terminals located in Omaha now pay only a small tax to the city, in proportion to other property. Those who oppose the proposed amendment argue that to take these taxes for local purposes would mean a corresponding reduction in the amount now received by the rural counties. It is certain that the proposition will provoke much discussion before the end of the session. The Omaha delegations will come before the legislature with several other propositions which will increase the stir in the session. One is to change the date of the city election to later in the year; one to limit the service of any man for mayor to two terms; and one is to permit the annexation of South Omaha. On these propositions there is much division of sentiment in Douglas county, and several of the "advance guard" are already on the ground boosting for or against these amendments.

Those who have made a study of Nebraska legislatures concede that the membership this session is made up of better material than ever before. It has often been remarked that more than usual care was exercised in the nominations, and that fewer of the professional politician class were elected than in former years. With good material and the overwhelming republican majority in both houses there is reason to expect the best of results.

A Quiet Wedding. Norfolk News: The fact has been announced that on Wednesday, January 7, Mr. Timothy F. Maher of Des Moines, Iowa, and Miss Ella Barrett of this city were quietly married at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Rev. Thomas Walsh officiating. The couple immediately went to Omaha, where they remained until yesterday, when Mrs. Maher returned to this city to stay until her husband finishes some business matters at Des Moines. For a time they will temporarily reside in Omaha, and then go to southern California, where they will make their home. Mr. Maher is a railroad contractor

and a man of stability. For four years he was superintendent of transportation in Cuba.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Barrett of this city, and has resided here for the past 12 years. She has been serving as book-keeper for Hoffman & Smith for some time. She has many friends in the city who will wish her and her husband unlimited success in life.

Miss Barrett lived in O'Neill a little over a year ago, being employed as a stenographer for the county attorney and later for R. R. Dickson and made many friends in this city who extend their heartiest congratulations.

The Market.

(Special market letter from Nye & Buchanan Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants South Omaha, Nebraska.)

January 21, 1903. Three days this week bring about 10,000 cattle and a reaction for the better, which we expected. We think this a good week to be here, as we are afraid next week will bring heavier receipts.

We quote best beef steers \$4.75 to \$5.00, good \$4.25 to \$4.75, warmed-up \$3.75 to \$4.00; choice cows \$3.40 \$4.00, fair \$2.85 to \$3.30, canners and cutters \$1.50 to \$2.50. Stockers and feeders in limited supply; good \$3.75 to \$4.25, fair \$3.00 to \$3.60. Bulls \$2.00 to \$3.75; veal \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Hog receipts are lighter than estimated and prices are higher. Range \$6.35 to \$6.75.

Sheep market has been very satisfactory. We topped the market Thursday on lambs at \$5.75 and yearlings \$5.10. Few feeders.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Killers (\$5.00-\$5.75), Yearlings (4.50-5.10), Wethers (4.25-4.75), Ewes (3.25-4.25).

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Mathematics of Love.

"Margaret," he began, "I have \$3,750 in the bank. I own half interest in a patent churn company that clears \$1,700 a year. My salary is \$20 a week, with prospects of a raise to \$22 next April. I have an aunt who will leave me twenty-seven shares of a railway stock now quoted at 53. Tell me, Margaret, will you be mine?" "Wait," she replied, "I'll get a pencil." For she never had been good at mental arithmetic.—Newark News.

A PRETTY GIRL—

Naturally feels that she is entitled to masculine admiration. Shows off best when she is trying to be an agreeable companion. Often creates adverse criticism by taking on an air of superiority. Sometimes finds herself neglected when she most desires attention. Will cause trouble in a social assemblage without being conscious of the fact. Assumes a sort of matronly air when approached by an admiring school boy. Takes unto herself prerogatives which often make her associates fear for consequences. Is touched to the quick when a man praises the other beauty. Likes to make men believe she is above posing for effect. Has the satisfaction of knowing that other girls secretly envy her charms.

A Great Idea.

The supporters of football are assembled in convention. "Gentlemen," says the spokesman, "something must be done to add interest to the game. I regret to acknowledge that in recent years, despite our efforts to wound, maim and kill, the sport has dwindled in public favor. No doubt this is because of the increase in the number of wars and the familiarity of the public with injuries from that cause; also because of the growth of the automobile fad. Hence, as I say, we must do something to put more ginger in the game. The point is, what shall we do?" Here a shaggy haired man arose in the rear of the hall and begged for a hearing.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I represent the Russo-American society of anarch, and am also an enthusiastic football player. It occurs to me that if the ball were filled with dynamite instead of air it would—"

But the rest of his remarks were simply drowned in a furious explosion of mad applause.—Baltimore American.

Family Too Noisy.

A noisy family, kept by an old woman in Paris, aroused the indignation of the neighbors. It consisted of twenty hens, fifty roosters, thirty pigeons, eight dogs, four cats, a parrot, a goat and a dozen small birds. The neighbors couldn't sleep, they complained and the woman's family was scattered by the police.

Wireless Telegraphy in Paris.

In Paris it is proposed to establish a central station, from which wireless telegraphy will be used to transmit the news to subscribers in different parts of the town. The Societe Francaise de Telegraphie Sans Fil has been organized with this end in view, and the experimental stations which have been installed in different parts of the city appear to work satisfactorily.

Egyptian Exploration Fund.

J. E. Lodge, a second son of Senator Lodge, has taken hold of the Egyptian exploration fund, which has received many thousands of dollars from the people of New England.

Good in Artesian Wells.

The New South Wales government has sunk 82 artesian wells, 56 of which brought water quite to the surface. Only eight were total failures.

A Cloven Foot.

In the town of B. in Connecticut, the pulpit of a clergyman who was ill was supplied by a minister from another parish. It happened to be communion Sunday, and the visiting clergyman chanced to have the pedal malformation commonly known as a "club foot," and while he was administering the sacrament this fact was noticed by a bright little boy, and when he reached home he asked his mother: "Wasn't that the devil who preached to-day?"

"Why, no, my child. What do you mean? The clergyman was Mr. ——" "No, mother, it was the devil, because I saw his cloven foot two or three times sticking out from under the table!"

Testimonial to Sienkiewicz.

The largest public testimonial ever given to an author was presented to Sienkiewicz, the Polish author, last year. It consisted of a house and \$50,000.

Clearance Sale! In order to make room for my Spring Stock I will sell all my winter goods at 25 per cent discount 25 L. PFUND.